

SENATE BILL 1717

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 5, relative to gambling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-501, is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Gambling is contrary to the public policy of this state and shall mean risking anything of value for a profit whose return is to any degree contingent on chance or any activity employing any form of casino gambling, including, but not limited to, blackjack, craps, roulette, poker, baccarat, keno, slot machines, machines designated as either Class II or Class III under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, or employing any electronic or electromechanical imitation or simulation of any form of casino gambling. For the purposes of this chapter gambling does not include:

(A) A lawful business transaction;

(B) Annual events conducted by charitable 501(c)(3) organizations that are authorized pursuant to a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the general assembly, as long as such annual events do not include any form of casino gambling as provided in this section; and

(C) A state lottery of the type such as is in operation in Georgia, Kentucky, and Virginia in 2000 and authorized by amendment to the Constitution, if such lottery is approved by the general assembly and is operated pursuant to this chapter;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new section thereto:

Section 39-17-510.

A state lottery authorized and operated by the state shall not include any electronic or electromechanical imitation or simulation of any form of casino gambling.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.